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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HB0768
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502,
relative to suspension of driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502, is amended by adding the following as new subsection (b), and by relettering the existing subsection (b) and subsequent subsections accordingly:

(b)(1) The department, after proper notice and hearing, is hereby authorized to suspend the license of an operator or chauffeur upon receipt of sufficient evidence that such driver proximately contributed to an accident which resulted in death or personal injury or serious property damage.

(2) A person whose license has been suspended by the department under this subsection may apply to any general sessions court, circuit court, criminal court judge, or any chancellor having jurisdiction in the county of the person's residence for a restricted

license. The judge of the court wherein the application is made may order the issuance of a restricted license allowing the person to operate a motor vehicle for the purpose of going to and from and working at the person's regular place of employment. Such order shall state with all practicable specificity the necessary time and places of permissible operation of a motor vehicle. The person may obtain a certified copy of the order, and within ten (10) days after it is issued, present it, along with an application fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), to the department of safety, which shall forthwith issue a restricted license embodying the limitations imposed in the order. After proper application and until such time as the restricted license is issued, a certified copy of the order may serve in lieu of a motor vehicle operator's license. Any restricted license issued under the provisions of this section shall be subject to renewal in the same manner as other motor vehicle operator's licenses.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.